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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING HIGHLY EXTENSIBLE LEG OPENINGS

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on June 29, 2001 as United States Application No. 09/897,823 or

PCT International Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on 8/7/01 _____

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (If applicable)

As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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LATE FILED DECLARATION COMBINED WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY

Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of the Non Provisional Application mailed August 20, 2001, please accept the enclosed Declaration Combined with Power of Attorney which is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).

Please charge any required fees, particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e), to Deposit Account 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this letter has been included herewith for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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